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Classified By: Ambassador Marguerita Ragsdale.  
For reasons 1.4 (B) and (D)

[11](#). (C) Acting Pol/Econ officer delivered the reftel demarche to the Director of the Arab Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Fairouz Ahmed Houssein. Houssein said that the Minister of Cooperation in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mahamoud Ali Youssouf, will attend the January 9 Arab League meeting, which will focus on charter amendments. Houssein said that officially Djibouti will adopt the same position as the League, but she is unaware of any local objection to the January 30 election date. Houssein noted her belief that the Arab League will support the elections. Pol/Econ officer left an unofficial French translation of the talking points with Houssein.

[12](#). (U) Baghdad minimize considered.  
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